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SUBJ: SALT & SEABED TREATY: US CITIZEN WARNS OF PROBABLE US AND
SOVIET VIOLATIONS

1. ON DECEMBER 17 MRS. HODGES, A US CITIZEN, SOUGHT
OUR ASSISTANCE IN DISTRIBUTING A PRESS STATEMENT AND
WARNING CONCERNING PROBABLE US AND SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF
THE 1971 SEABEDS ARMS CONTROL TREATY. MRS. HODGES,
THE MOTHER OF TOME HODGES, AUTHOR OF THE PRESS STATEMENT
AND WARNING, HAD BEEN REFUSED ENTRY TO THE UNGA WHERE
SHE HAD INTENDED TO HAND OUT THE WARNING.

2. USUN MISOFF EXPLAINED THAT IT IS AGAINST UN POLICY
TO DISTRIBUTE UNOFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO UN MEMBERS,
SUGGESTED THAT MRS. HODGES CONTACT SECRETARIAT DISARMA-
MENT OFFICIAL STANGER AND CALLED HIM ON HER BEHALF.

3. COPIES OF THE WARNING HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO LONG IO/UNP
AND BALCK ACDA/IR.

4. THE PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWS:
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UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION CHARGED WITH PROBABLE VIOLATION
OF S.A.L.T. AND SEABEDS ARMS CONTROL TREATIES

A US. CITIZEN TODAY DELIVERED A DOCUMENT TO THE UN. REPRESENTATIVES AND THE AMBASSADORS FROM OVER FIFTY COUNTRIES WARNING THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE ENGAGED IN A SECRET AND MASSIVE ESCALATION OF THE ARMS RACE THAT INVOLVES PLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR MISSILES IN CAPSULES AND SILOS HIDDEN BENEATH THE SEA.

THE WARNING DOCUMENT ALSO STATES THAT BOTH COUNTRIES MAY BE DEVELOPING TIDAL WAVE & EARTHQUAKE-GENERATING SYSTEMS (TWECS) FOR USE IN THREATENING THIRD WORLD NATIONS THAT REFUSE TO EXPORT VITAL RAW MATERIALS NEEDED BY THE US., SOVIET UNION AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL NATIONS.

MOST OF THESE SEABED NUCLEAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS VIOLATE BOTH THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF SALT AND THE SEABEDS ARMS CONTROL TREATY.

THE WARNING DOCUMENT CALLS UPON THE HEADS-OF-NATION TO "DEMAND AND GET YOUR RIGHTS OF INSPECTION GUARANTEED UNDER THE SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY." IT SAID THE LEADERS OF THE 52 NATIONS SHOULD DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION TURN OVER THE THE UN. OR A MULTI-NATIONAL INVESTIGATING AND INSPECTION TEAM ALL SPECIAL DEEP-DIVING EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO INSPECT SITES, IN ADDITION TO SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHS AND COMPUTER PLOTS TO HELP IN IDENTIFYING AND TRACKING SHIPS OF BOTH NATIONS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE INSTALLATION OF SEABED WEAPONS SYSTEMS.

THE WARNING DOCUMENT SAID THAT THE HEADS-OF-STATE MUST "TAKE STRONG STEPS TO SET UP AN ON-GOING INVESTIGATION AND INSPECTION APPARATUS TO INSURE THAT SUCH WEAPONS SYSTEMS CAN NEVER BE INSTALLED, OPENLY OR IN SECRET."

THE WARNING DOCUMENT WAS FIRST DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT'S STAFF LAST WEEK, AND THEN TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND SELECTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (REP. PIKE AND SEN. CHURCH). ALL BUT ONE HAVE INDICATED THAT INVESTIGATIONS OF THE CHARGES ARE UNDERWAY.
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THE 45-PAGE DOCUMENT STATES "THE DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS ON AND WITHIN THE SEABED IS PRESENTLY FEASIBLE"...IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 'PERCEIVED NEEDS' AND MILITARY OBJECTIVES OF THE US. AND SOVIET UNION.." AND "CONSIDERING THE LEAD-TIMES, THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT HAS ALREADY BEGUN."

THE WARNING DOCUMENT CHARGES THAT THESE WEAPONS SYSTEMS WERE CREATED "BY A GROUP OF PERSONS WITHIN THE US. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE..."

IN CONJUNCTION WITH CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL FIRMS"---AND THAT THIS WAS DONE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR APPROVAL OF CONGRESS.

THE WARNING DOCUMENT DESCRIBES HOW THE US. DOD IS BELIEVED TO HAVE USED OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING RIGS AND THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION'S GLOMAR CHALLENGER TO COLLECT DATA FOR SITE SELECTION, AND THEN TO HAVE INSTALLED THE SEABED NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF USING OIL DRILLING RIGS, AND IN THE DEEP OCEAN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1974 USING THE INFAMOUS "CIA-HOWARD HUGHES" GLOMAR EXPLORER.

THE WARNING DOCUMENT STATES THAT ICBS, ABMS AND THE DEVELOPING "CRUISE MISSILES" ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE SEABED-BASED ENCAPSULATED WEAPONS LUNCHING SYSTEM. THE RESULT IS DESTABILIZING BECAUSE THE FIRST COUNTRY TO FULLY DEPLOY SUCH SYSTEM MAY HAVE "FIRST-STRIKE" CAPABILITIES. VASTLY IMPROVED ANTI-SUBMARINE TECHNIQUES AND THE POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF A NON-MISSILE ABM SYSTEM IN THE SEA ARE FURTHER DESTABILIZING THE SITUATION, THE WARNING DOCUMENT SAYS.

CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH WEAPONS SYSTEMS ARE FEASIBLE AND/OR THAT DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIMENTAL DEPLOYMENT HAVE OCCURRED HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY NUMEROUS EXPERTS, INCLUDING THE FORMER CHIEF SCIENTIST OF THE US. NAVY'S STRATEGIC SYSTEMS AND DEEP SUBMERGENCE PROJECTS (DR. JOHN P. CRAVEN), AND THE ARMS CONTROL AND TREATY COMPLIANCE OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (JOHN MARCUM), THE WRANING DOCUMENT'S AUTHOR SAYS.

THE WARNING DOCUMENT STATES THAT THE AUTHOR PROVIDED THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF WITH THE FIRST FOUR LETTERS OF THE CODEWORD BELIEVED TO APPLY TO THE DOD'S SECRET WEAPONS PROGRAM. "THOSE FOUR LETTERS WERE PHYSICALLY CUT OUT FROM THE COPIES OF WARNING DOCUMENTS DELIVERED TO-DAY IN ORDER TO PROTECT A SOURCE", THE AUTHOR SAID.

"THE ENTIRE CODEWORD HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO AT LEAST ONE PERSON ON THE HILL, AND IT WILL BE RELEASED WITHIN A WEEK, IF NOT BEFORE."

THE WARNING DOCUMENT WAS RESEARCHED AND PUBLISHED BY TONY HODGES, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HAWAII'S NATIONALLY-KNOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP, LIFE OF THE LAND.

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IN THE "AFTERWORD" OF THE WARNING DOCUMENT, THE AUTHOR SAID:

"THE TECHNOLOGY OF WAR HAS BECOME SO COMPLEX THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR A LAY PERSON SUCH AS THE AUTHOR TO POSITIVELY PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF WEAPONS SYSTEM LIKE THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE WARNING DOCUMENT. THE NATURAL TENDENCY UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IS TO TRY AND PUT THE MATTER OUT OF MIND. THE AUTHOR HAS FELT LIKE DOING THIS SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE EIGHT MONTHS IN WHICH THIS INVESTIGATION WAS CARRIED OUT. AFTERALL, THIS IS A JOYLESS ENTERPRISE, AND IT HAS WEIGHED HEAVILY UPON THE AUTHOR. UNLIKE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WHICH MAY ALWAYS END WITH THE SATISFACTION THAT SOME NEW TRUTH WAS FOUND, THAT SOME THEORY WAS PROVED CORRECT, THE AUTHOR'S INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH THE CONTINUING HOPE

THAT WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE TRUE WAS, IN FACT, NOT TRUE.
THE AUTHOR REPEATEDLY LOOKED FOR PERSONS AND FACTS THAT WOULD
DISPROVE WHAT APPEARS---ONCE IT IS GRASPED, TO BE ALMOST A
NECESSITY GIVEN THE SITUATION IN THE WORLD TODAY. THE AUTHOR'S
HOPE THAT HIS OWN COUNTRY AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE NOT COMMITTED
THE ACTS THEY ARE CHARGED WITH IN THIS DOCUMENT IS STILL
ALIVE, BUT THAT HOPE HAS GROWN CONTINUALLY MORE DIM AS THE
FACTS RELATING TO THE REASONS FOR AND FEASIBILITY
OF DEPLOYING SUCH WEAPONS SYSTEMS CAME IN ONE BY ONE.

NOW YOU, AND THE OTHER PARTIES TO THE SEA-BEDS ARMS CONTROL
TREATY, MUST ACT TO DETERMINE HOW AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE
VIOLATIONS OF THE TREATY ARE TRUE. OTHERWISE, THIS WARNING
IS OF NO VALUE, AND WE MAY ALL LIVE TO REGRET THAT THE AUTHOR
DID NOT DO A BETTER JOB OF PRESENTING THE CASE TO YOU."

PRESS PLEASE NOTE: HODGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT:
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